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WEATHER

Abnormal temperatures characterized the past week of weather in Nebraska. At the beginning of the week, very cold temperatures gradually gave way to temperatures averaging above seasonal normal. Precipitation was reasonably well distributed with the lightest amounts occurring in the south central and southeast portions of the State.

CROPS

Most Nebraska farmers had another good week for harvesting crops and for other fall work. Snow and/or rain occurred in some northern and western areas. In some instances, lack of grain storage capacity and drying fuel slowed harvest.

Corn for grain is about 65% harvested according to County Agents, which is well ahead of 40% a year ago but equal to the average. Moisture content of corn being harvested is 20%, 1 point below a week earlier and 3 points below a year earlier.

Sorghum harvest is nearly complete while a year ago only 60% was harvested and normal is 80%. Moisture content averaged 15%, same as a week and year earlier.

Soybean harvest is practically completed while a year ago 85% was harvested and average is 95%. Moisture content was 13%, same as a week earlier but 1 point below a year ago.

Wheat condition improved with 9% of counties reported excellent, 67% good and 24% fair. Much of the late planted acreage is short and some could use a light rain.

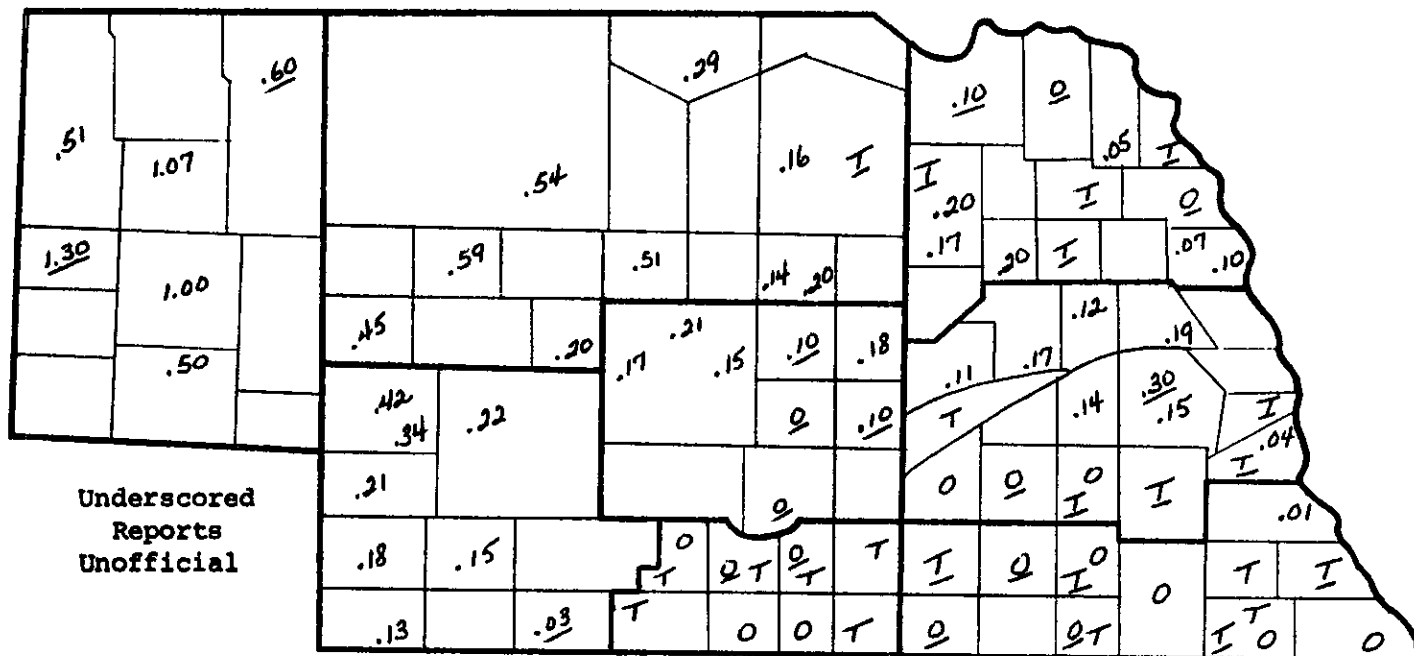
Soil moisture supplies are mostly adequate. Topsoil supplies were surplus in 5% of counties and adequate 95%. Subsoil supplies were surplus in 8% of counties and adequate 92%.

Main farm activity has been harvesting row crops. Other work consisted of moving hay, applying fertilizer, fixing fences, shredding stalks, plowing and discing. An average of 6.5 days were suitable for fieldwork.

LIVESTOCK

Range and pasture feed supplies remain mostly average with 17% of reporting counties above average, 78% average and 5% below average. Hay and forage supplies are above average in 12% of counties, average in 79% and below average 9%. Many cattle are in fields gleaning stalks.

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING 6:00 A.M. SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 1973



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING 6:00 P.M. SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 1973

Station		Temperature				Precipitation
		Extremes		Mean	Departure	Total Inches <u>1/</u>
		Max	Min			
NW	Chadron	58	-3	32	--	T
	Scottsbluff	70	9	39	0	.46
	Sidney	71	15	38	--	T
NC	Burwell	63	17	34	--	0
	Valentine	62	21	34	-4	.04
NE	Norfolk	60	17	31	-9	.11
	Sioux City	61	16	33	-8	T
CEN	Grand Island	61	25	36	-5	T
EC	Lincoln	55	20	36	-7	T
	Omaha	51	18	33	-9	.14
SW	Imperial	74	26	39	--	T
	North Platte	66	25	35	-5	.03

1/ Precipitation totals not included in map above.

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